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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 19, 2004 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before January 19, 2005. This response is being filed pursuant to an Advisory Action mailed January 6, 2005. In view of the cancellation of non-allowed claims below, without prejudice, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the amendments set forth below raise no new issues. Rather, the amendments place the claims in form for allowance or in better form for appeal. Entry of these amendments is thus respectfully requested.